Kentucky e-Health Network Board
February 06, 2008
Minutes

Meeting No. 21   **Capitol Annex – Room 129**   **3:00 pm – 4:30 pm**

Board Members in Attendance:
Dr. Larry Cook, Co-Chair – University of Louisville
Dr. Carol Steltenkamp, Co-Chair - University of Kentucky
Janie Miller – Secretary, Cabinet for Health and Family Services
Melissa Moody – Toyota Motor Manufacturing
Barbara Haunz Asher – AstraZeneca
Dr. David Bensema – Kentucky Medical Association
Ron Carson – Proxy for Brad Cowgill, Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
Murray Clark – Kentucky Hospital Association
Deborah Clayton – Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Commercialization & Innovation
Dr. William Hacker - Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Public Health
Betsy Johnson – Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Medicaid Services
Brenda Parker – Representing the Kentucky Department of Insurance
Janna Meek – Proxy for Jack Lord, MD - Humana, Inc.
Senator Dick Roeding
Steve Dooley – Interim Commissioner, Commonwealth Office of Technology
Dr. Kimberly Williams - St. Claire Regional Medical Center

Absent:
Representative Bob DeWeese
Marsha L. Donegan – Fidelity Investments
Bruce Klockars – Flaget Memorial Hospital
Representative Tommy Thompson

Staff:
Barbara Baker, Policy Advisor
Eric Duncan, Policy Advisor
Lorna Jones, CHFS CIO
Laura Cole, Project Manager
April Smith, Project Manager
Donna Veno, Adm. Assistant

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Carol Steltenkamp, Co-Chair.

Introduction of CHFS e-Health Leadership
Barbara Baker and Eric Duncan were introduced as the CHFS e-Health Leadership. Barbara previously worked with the Legislative Research Commission and was responsible for drafting the e-health legislation establishing the Kentucky e-Health Network Board. Eric Duncan brings expertise in promotion and marketing and has worked throughout the Commonwealth with healthcare physicians and hospitals.

Review and Approval of December Meeting Minutes
Dr. David Bensema moved for approval of the December meeting minutes. Deborah Clayton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

e-Health Summit Report
Laura Cole reported on the e-Health Summit. There were approximately 250 attendees which rated the Summit 3.7 out of 4. A satisfaction survey was done and all attendees noted that the e-Health Summit was of benefit for Kentucky. We received excellent funding from sponsors.

3rd Annual e-Health Summit Planning
One of the things that staff learned from this year's Summit was that planning should begin a year in advance. It is recommended that next year's Summit be held in March or April 2009 in Louisville. Staff will seek a specific venue, determine possible dates and report back to this Board at its March meeting.

Kentucky e-Health Vision
Lt. Governor Daniel Mongiardo presented the e-Health vision for Kentucky. He expressed that the first thing on the list and the only thing on the horizon to improve quality and reduce cost of health care is information technology. E-Health is a top priority of the administration. Kentucky has the first statewide e-Health Board. We have university expertise that can help lead this effort. The mission today is to connect the patient with the doctor's office to improve the quality of health care. The task is to develop a governance of how this information is to be exchanged, develop the model for which that information is exchanged, and prove that it improves quality and reduces cost. The challenge is to have Kentucky lead the nation in e-health. The Board's charge is to put together the governance structure to develop trust and confidence for all involved. E-Health will be a major source of jobs and education for Kentuckians. The two major areas to overcome are the initial investment and the ongoing operational costs. Both can be accomplished by putting together the right governance and business models to obtain the necessary funding to implement e-health.

Senator Dick Roeding asked what the administration's plans were for working with local communities. Technologies that were currently working today should be considered. Lt. Governor Mongiardo stated that the administration will review working models and work very closely with the local communities to make sure their requirements are identified. With the current budget crisis, funding is a major issue facing this initiative. The best chance of success is to engage in the private sector. The vision from Senate Bill 2 was to have a mechanism to obtain state, federal, and non-profit private dollars into a non-profit fund. The Lt. Governor asked staff to review the current mechanism in place today to make sure that the correct vehicle is in place to accomplish the blending of public, private and governmental sources.

Kentucky e-Health Corporation Update
Jeff Rose, Secretary, provided an update to the Board. The Corporation is waiting on a clear direction from the administration on whether to proceed with the application for 501 c3 status. The Corporation is a non-profit entity, is not a government entity, so it does not have sovereign immunity. The Corporation has received a quote of $5,000 annually for liability insurance for directors and officers for $1M coverage with a $15,000 deductible. A $15,000 quote for errors and omissions insurance has been received. General liability is estimated to be around $25,000 a year. Jeff noted that the e-Health Corporation currently has no operational funds.

Committee Reports/Project Updates
Barbara Baker has communicated with the Centers for Medicaid Services (CMS) and reported that the Corporation's liability insurance may be covered through the KHIP grant. It was noted that the activities and timeline can be revised. Additional time of up to a year could be approved. This gives extra time to discuss concepts, technologies and various models through the Request for Information process. The purpose of the RFI was to learn about new concepts and models and to explore funding streams that would help to support the e-health infrastructure. Dr. Cook asks for clarification on RFI language which precludes respondents from having communications with the Cabinet. Barbara suggested that the Finance Cabinet's legal counsel provide an opinion.

Senator Roeding stated that funding is not provided for e-health in the Governor's proposed budget. The Cabinet is showing a lot of commitment in terms of resources towards this project, however, funding was not identified for e-health. Secretary Janie Miller addressed the Cabinet's proposed budget by stating that the Cabinet was in a difficult situation dealing with program expenditures that were well above the base-level funding to support the expenditure levels. The reductions in services throughout many of the Cabinet's programs were so significant that it meant that people would not receive services. Choices had to be made very carefully when it came down to whether or not the Cabinet could continue to provide services. In light of this situation, the Cabinet's choice was to try to provide services first.

Committee Reports
Economic Development Committee – Deborah Clayton reported that the Committee presented a breakout session at the e-Health Summit focusing on developing a robust e-health economy with an emphasis on e-health skilled workforce. Dr. Gary Ozanich with the Northern Kentucky University gave a presentation on the e-health workforce and economic development. David Johnson with Availity and Gil Delgado with Emergent discussed challenges faced in finding appropriate information technology resources.

Health Information Exchange Committee – Dr. Hacker reported that at the last Committee meeting, Dr. Ozanich presented as well.

Health Information Technology Adoption Committee – Dr. Williams reported that the Committee presented a breakout session at the e-Health Summit discussing health IT implementations. The Health IT Innovator's Award was given at the e-Health Summit and was presented to the Department of Corrections for using a combination of electronic health records and telehealth to provide services to their inmates. The Committee is working on a Toolkit which will be used as a resource for physicians when implementing electronic medical records.

Project Updates
Round I and Round II ePrescribing Grants
Barbara Baker presented an update on Round I and Round II of the ePrescribing Grants. The grants encouraged health information technology adoption and provided learning on how eprescribing will enhance and impact the eKASPER program. Round I distributed $300,000 to five grantees. Round II distributed $335,000 to five grantees and the grant funding period ends June 30, 2008. The grantees have reported their results at the e-Health Summit. Dr. Williams suggested that staff identify the number of patient lives

touched through this adoption. Dr. Bensema explained the selection criteria where grantees had to show evidence of matching funds.

Health Information Security and Privacy Collaborative
Kentucky has an opportunity to participate in the Health Information Security and Privacy Collaborative. This is a one-year federal grant in the amount of $300,000 with potential to extent to an additional year. There are two collaboratives that Kentucky can participate in; Harmonizing State Privacy Laws and Provider Education. The first phase would be to complete an inventory of state laws related to health information privacy and security and to create a subject matter taxonomy to facilitate the collection and grouping of those laws, develop a methodology to enable states to rank the relevance of those subject matters, develop models of statutory and regulatory language to fill in the gaps, and produce a final report that could be used as a roadmap for other states. The second Multi-State Collaborative is related to Provider Education. The collaborative would be charged with developing a Provider Education Toolkit to enhance awareness and help motivate providers about the benefits of private and secure health information exchange, address perceived or real barriers to health information technology adoption, help find solutions to facilitate the adoption of health information exchange, and encourage the use of standards-based private and secure electronic records in health information exchange to improve the quality of healthcare and care of patients.

2008 Work Plan
Staff is working on a draft work plan that will be distributed at the March 5th Board meeting.

Next Board Meeting
The next meeting of the Board has been scheduled for March 5, 3:00 – 4:30 PM at the Capitol Annex, Room 129.

Submitted by Donna Veno
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